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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Perusek, et al.

Serial No.: 10/721,312

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: **MODULAR SURFACE MOUNT FLUID
SYSTEM**

) Examiner: J. Fox

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Fox:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005.

By this amendment, 28 total claims including six (6) independent claims are pending in this application. A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee for the four (4) total claims in excess of the 24 total claims previously pending. While it is believed that no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all additional fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-0172. Please amend the present application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.